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FOR EMBASSY CAPE TOWN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: STRATEGY FOR SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING

REF: USUN 1314

1. DURING CONTACT GROUP MEETING APRIL 10 GROUP RESUMED
ITS CONSIDERATION OF STRATEGY FOR UPCOMING SECURITY
COUNCIL MEETING ON NAMIBIA. IN PREVIOUS CONTACT
GROUP MEETING (REFTEL) GROUP HAD AGREED TO RECOMMEND
TO CAPITALS A DRAFT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION CALLING
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ON THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO APPOINT A SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND TO REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL
AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN
CONNECTION WITH THE ELECTORAL PROCESS. GROUP
AGREED TODAY UPON REFLECTION TO REFINE ITS RECOMMENDATION
BY DELETING THE CALL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE. THE CRUCIAL OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION (FULL TEXT CONTAINED PARA 5 BELOW) WOULD THUS ONLY REQUEST THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS INVOLVEMENT.

2. THE GROUP AGREED TO THIS CHANGE FOR TWO REASONS:

- (A) AGREEMENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE CONSIDERED, ESPECIALLY BY AFRICANS, TO BE TANTAMOUNT TO ENDORSEMENT OF OUR PROPOSAL AND WOULD THUS BE UNOBTAINABLE IN THE ABSENCE OF REACTIONS OF THE PARTIES;

- (B) ANY ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE PRIOR TO THE AGREEMENT OF ALL PARTIES TO THE PROPOSAL WOULD ONLY SUCCEED IN TAINTING THE SR AND THUS IN ELIMINATING THE IMPARTIALITY SO NECESSARY TO HIS EFFECTIVENESS IN THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD.

THIS APPROACH WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THAT USED IN PREVIOUS PEACEKEEPING OPERATION, MOST NOTABLY THE RECENT ACTION ON LEBANON.

3. THE CONTACT GROUP AGREED NOT TO SPECIFY A DATE ON WHICH THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT WOULD BE DUE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE FLEXIBILITY AND AVOID A TIME REQUIREMENT WHICH MIGHT LATER PROVE DISADVANTAGEOUS.

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IN THE EVENT THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT WOULD HAVE TO BE GIVEN IN THE ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES TO THE PROPOSAL, THE GROUP WOULD HAVE TO PERSUADE WALDHEIM TO LEAVE OUT OF THE REPORT ANY SPECIFIC TROOP FIGURES OR OTHER SPECIFIC INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT PREJUDGE ACCEPTANCE BY THE PARTIES. GROUP BELIEVES WALDHEIM WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO THE NEED FOR SUCH ACTION.

4. CONTACT GROUP THEN DISCUSSED NEED TO LINE UP SUPPORT OF FRONTLINE STATES FOR PROPOSED RESOLUTION. GROUP BELIEVES THAT FIVE SHOULD APPROACH FRONTLINE IN CAPITALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO EXPLAIN THAT WE ARE GOING TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO OBTAIN A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR PROPOSAL. WE WOULD THEN ASK THE FRONTLINE STATES TO ASSURE US OF AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR SUCH A RESOLUTION. GROUP WILL CONSIDER APRIL 11 DRAFT TALKING POINTS FOR SUCH APPROACHES. WOULD APPRECIATE VIEWS OF DEPARTMENT, EMBASSIES IN FRONTLINE STATES, LAGOS AND CAPE TOWN REGARDING ABOVE STRATEGY BY 1100 HOURS APRIL 11.

5. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT TEXT OF CONTACT GROUP-APPROVED
SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

DRAFT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON NAMIBIA:

- THE SECURITY COUNCIL,
- RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 385 DECLARING THAT FREE
ELECTIONS UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE
UNITED NATIONS MUST BE HELD FOR THE WHOLE OF
NAMIBIA AS ONE POLITICAL ENTITY, ADOPTED ON
30 JANUARY 1976,
- 1. TAKES NOTE OF THE LETTER DATED 10 APRIL 1976
FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF CANADA, FRANCE, THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT

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FOR EMBASSY CAPE TOWN

BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, AND THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA CONTAINING A "PROPOSAL FOR A SETTLEMENT OF THE
NAMIBIAN SITUATION";

- 2. ACCORDINGLY REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO

REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE
DATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES
OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ELECTORAL
PROCESS;

- 3. URGES ALL CONCERNED TO EXERT THEIR BEST
EFFORTS TOWARDS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE BY
NAMIBIA AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

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